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## TESTIMONIAL DINNER HELD

More than 350 persons gathered in the Lycoming Hotel on May 14 to honor Dr. John W. Long, and Mrs. Long.

Dr. Long responded to the warm and unstinting testimonial with these words: "I'm grateful." He gave credit to his devoted wife, his college board, his student body, the press, other schools, his fellow ministers, and, "all the people I've known here" for making the achievement possible.

Dr. Fred G. Holloway, president of Drew University, the principal speaker, described Dr. Long's career, and accomplishments, "without parallel-to my knowledge-in the field of education."

The main speaker also revealed that Dr. Long on the threshold of his school's becoming a four year college, had offered to step down as president in 1947, if the survey board felt another man was better to do the job. "We of the survey committee realized that of all the school's assets, Dr. Long himself was the greatest. Our answer was "NO" and the man honored tonight fulfilled our judgment by his achievement. He is a man of integrity."

Jessie S. Bell, community spokesman, called Dr. Long's career a "signal" accomplishment" in describing the leadership which took a struggling preparatory institution dared hope would come true in one life span."

Rev. Raymond L. Morris, Dr. Long's pastor at Mulberry Methodist Church recognized the college president as an outstanding churchman, "who carries a lot of weight but doesn't throw it around" and, "a man with a mission faithfully accomplished."

Don L. Larrabee, President of the Alumni Association spoke of Dr. Long's ability "to stimulate the interest and loyalty of the diverse alumni and to engender a spirit of cooperation and cordiality among faculty, alumni and students."

Dr. Long's success was preceded by the presentation of a \$1,000 bill raised by his many friends, by Hon. Robert F. Rich, president of the Board of Directors. Gifts were presented to Mrs. Long.

## Named To Board of Directors

Dr. Ralph C. Geigle '31, Superintendent of schools, Oakmont, Pa. and Richard Todhunter '25 General Manager of Barnes and Tucker Coal Company, Barnesboro, Pa. have been named to the Board of Directors of the College following nomination by the dues paying alumni of the college. By this election the alumni will have a member of the Alumni Association serving in each class of the Board of Directors.

## President's Message

July 8, 1955

Greetings!

They told me that Lycoming College would make it hot for the new President. If the weather in Williamsport during the first week in July is any indication of what they mean, this was a gross understatement!

In spite of that, it has been a real thrill to come into the office and accept the responsibilities which John W. Long has borne with such distinction through the years.

I am grateful for the good wishes which have come from so many of our Alumni. I am really looking forward to meeting all of you.

Please feel free to write me concerning any matters relative to the college which interest you. When you are in Williamsport, the door of my office will always be open to welcome you.

Very sincerely,  
D. Frederick Wertz  
President

## A THANK YOU MESSAGE FROM DR. JOHN W. LONG

Dear Alumni:

As I write this message during the closing days of my administration many thoughts clamor for expression, but I have time and space for only a few. First I want to thank:

The Alumni Council for the part they played in making the Testimonial Dinner such an outstanding success.

The Alumni for their support thru the years and their evidences of satisfaction and pride in the development of the college, and for sending their children and recommending the college to the children of their friends. I want to thank you for your financial support of special projects presented to you, and your growing support of the college thru the Living Endowment.

I want to especially thank the classes which had such successful reunions this year, thus contributing to the splendid success of the final commencement of our administration. I feel sure the other classes will not object if we make special mention of two classes: George Sykes, as president of the class of 1905 did a fine job in rounding up such a splendid number of the fifty-year group. We all enjoyed the lively reminiscences of the members at the noon day luncheon, Saturday. Thank you George and the class of 1905.

Of course we shall always retain, as a special bouquet, vivid memories of the part played at the banquet Saturday evening by the class of 1922 — the first graduating during our administration. Orchids to Don Larrabee for the happy way he presided at the banquet, creating just the right atmosphere for the occasion. Orchids to T. Max Hall for his clever and cultured manner. Orchids to the entire class for the beautiful silver bowl which we shall always prize. Orchids to all who contributed and to all who came for the reunion, some from long distances at considerable expense. Thank you again for making this occasion one long to be remembered.

I used the bowl last Sunday in the Benjamin C. Conner Memorial Chapel at the college, as I baptized two grandchildren, David Spotts, son of Dorothy Long and Richard Spotts, and Christie Ann Dunkleberger, daughter of Jean Frazier Long and Thomas B. Dunkleberger.

And finally my heartfelt thanks to Rev. Lawrence W. Lykens, who for the past two and one-half years rendered invaluable service to the college as assistant to the president, working particularly in the fields of publicity and public relations, student recruitment, and alumni work. My estimate of his ability, my high regard for him personally and his devotion to duty all increased during his years of service.

And now may I, in closing, urge an even greater and more enthusiastic support of the college and of my successor, our President, The Reverend D. Frederick Wertz.

Faithfully yours,  
John W. Long



REV. D. FREDERICK WERTZ  
PRESIDENT

In the November issue of the *Bulletin* we introduced our new president, the Rev. D. Frederick Wertz to you. On July 1 he assumed his official duties with the sincere best wishes of his friends, associates and all others interested in the college. We covet for him every possible success in his administration.

## FOOTBALL SCHEDULE FOR 1955

We are pleased to announce the following games for the fall and winter. We strongly urge you, if at all possible to attend any or all of the games.

### LYCOMING COLLEGE Football 1955

Sat. Oct. 8*	Lincoln University	Home
Sat. Oct. 15	Juniata College	Away
Sat. Oct. 22	Drexel College	Home
Sat. Oct. 29	Penn Military College	Home
Sat. Nov. 5	Geneva College	Away
Sat. Nov. 12	Lock Haven State	Away
Sat. Nov. 19	Lebanon Valley College	Home

\* Night game 8:00

South Williamsport Stadium

## LIST OF NAMES TO COME

The names of alumni who attended the Commencement week-end activities will be published in the next issue of the *Bulletin*.

Lack of space prevented publication in this issue.



Dr. J. Milton Rogers, pastor of Woodside Methodist Church of Silver Springs, Maryland. Dr. Rogers, president of the class of 1922, was speaker at the Alumni Banquet. He lauded Dr. and Mrs. Long for the "freshness of enthusiasm and personal charm which they brought to the campus in 1922." "There was a togetherness in those years we have treasured across the years—your influence has become a part of the fabric of our lives—of what we think and do."

Dr. Rogers represented Lycoming College at the inauguration of Dr. Wilson Homer Elkins as President of the University of Maryland on January 20, 1955.

# 1955 COME JUNE



Lawrence W. Lykens, assistant to the President, presents Alumni Association Membership Card to George Fortner (left) as the class of 1955 become active members of the association.



## REGISTRATION OF ALUMNI

Dr. Long with George W. Sykes, national member of the Board of Directors, 25 years ago.



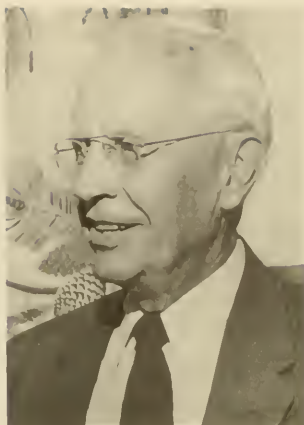
Dr. John W. Long looks on as Mrs. Hicks, 89, who attended her 71st core earlier, in accepting a citation by the Association, Mrs. Hicks commended 25 great grandchildren will be



# COMMENCEMENT

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Dr. James Edwin Dunning, the only living grandson of Dr. Benjamin H. Crever, founder of Williamsport Dickinson Seminary, attended the Commencement week-end activities at the college.



Dr. Long acknowledges a gift from the class of 1922, first class to be graduated under his administration.

## COMMENCEMENT WEEKEND

erry Lake, New York, the only origi-  
which chose Dr. Long as president 34

uns an orchid on Mrs. T. M. B. Hicks,  
Commencement weekend program.  
Larrabee, president of the Alumni  
Thank you very much and I know my  
d."



# FROM HERE AND THERE • ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW •

We just heard from Bill and Sue O'Neill. Sue is the former Sue Allen, who attended Lycoming in 1949 and 1950. Bill also attended Lyco in 1950. The O'Neills have been twice blessed since leaving our campus. William George, born November 15, 1952, is now 2½ years old, and Richard John was born in September 26, 1954. They have just moved, so here is their new address - 4001 Sommers Avenue, Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania. They mentioned their amazement to hear that the brewery finally succumbed.

The G. Colby Barkers are now living at 20 Park Avenue, Park Ridge, New Jersey. Mr. Barker, Class of 1928, and his wife celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on June 8th of this year.

Their oldest son, Warren H. has recently been promoted to First Lieutenant in the Marine Corps. Their oldest daughter, Dolly M., is in Nurse's Training at The New York Foundling Hospital. The twin girls, Anne B. and Susan G., are just finishing Kindergarten. The second son, Jedh C., will be ten soon, and the "caboose", little John W., was just one year old recently.

In a note from Mr. and Mrs. James J. Sweeney we find that they have moved into their new home at 17951 Keswick St., Reseda, California. They went to California last October and spent the first week there visiting with Mr. and Mrs. William Kerr (Barbara Timberman, '45). The birth announcement of their son can be found under "Stork News" elsewhere on this page. Mrs. Sweeney is the former Nancy Lou Waldner, class of 1945.

Mrs. Charles K. Knisely (Lillian Jane Holland, '46) has recently moved with her husband from Ashabula, Ohio, to 2378 Redwood Road, Scotch Plains, New Jersey. Mr. Knisely is research director of Blanchard Bros. and Lane in Newark and also serves as assistant sec-treasurer of Tanner's Research Corp. of New Jersey located in Newark, N. J.

Roger Ludlum, 1954, who was

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home on leave from the U. S. Army, stopped at the college for a visit Monday, June 6. Accompanying him was a young lady who had just graduated from Hood College.

A letter from Mrs. Robert M. Chew (Alice Eastlake Chew) sends greetings to all her old friends. She informs us that her husband is a biology professor at University of Southern California and that they have three lively children. They are living at 5133 9th Avenue, Los Angeles 43, California. Mrs. Chew was a teacher here from February 1943, to June 1944.

We received a very welcome note from Miss L. Minnie Hursh, of 224 Herr St., Harrisburg, Pa. She says a friend just read to her an account of the Alumni Banquet and the day's activities, and that she was very happy to hear of the honor bestowed upon Mrs. Hicks. Miss Hursh graduated from Dickinson Seminary in 1882. She retired from teaching in the Harrisburg Public Schools in 1927. In her letter she states she lives alone and is still quite active in the church work. Even though her vision is poor, she is still able to get around. She is now 92 years old.

Joyce Kelchner, who attended Lycoming in 1951-52, graduated this June from the Mansfield State Teachers College receiving her degree in Music Education. She plans to teach vocal music in the Pennsbury Elementary Schools near Philadelphia.

Two Lycoming College Alumni received the Bachelor of Divinity degree from the Theological Seminary of Drew University in June of this year. They are John D. O'Neill of Philadelphia, who graduated from Lycoming with an A. B. degree in 1952, and Burr E. Sweet, of Rome, Pennsylvania, who graduated from Lycoming with an A. B. degree in 1950.

Many alumni were back on campus for the annual Choir Concert and Banquet held on June 4. The evening brought back many cherished moments for the veteran singers as they returned once again to the stage to sing the last three numbers with this year's choir members. This annual event is becoming more and more a definite "must" for the "old" choir

members.

Willard R. Guffy, class of 1950, has been appointed Assistant Chief of Civil Defense radiological and chemical services by the New York State Civil Defense Commission. A former navy officer, Guffy was director of war planning at the Naval Supply Depot at Mechanicsburg, where he was in charge of radiological defense operations. He attended the Civil Defense Staff at Olney, Maryland, and was an observer at an atomic bomb test in Nevada in 1953.

New officers were elected to the Williamsport Civic Choir. Elmer Koons, class of 1950, was elected president. Mrs. Richard Brunner, the former Nancy Hall, class of 1952, was elected vice-president. Walter G. Melver, Associate Professor of Voice at Lycoming College, is conductor of the choral group.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Gloria Ann Vannucci to David J. Goldy. Gloria class of 1953, is secretary to William S. Hoffman, Dean of Lycoming College. Dave attended Lycoming '53-54, and also attended Villanova University. He is now a student at the Temple University of Dentsbury, Phila., Pa.

Paul John, class of 1949, was elected president of the Dubois-town Civic Club. His wife was the former Betty Kuhns, class of 1953. Paul will be remembered as the first president of the Student Government Association. They are living at 2895 Euclid Avenue, Duboisstown, Pa.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Joan Krimm to Edward William McShane, Jr. Joan graduated from Lycoming College in 1951. She is currently doing television and continuity work for WBRE TV in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and is an active member of the Wilkes-Barre Junior League.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Arney just stopped in to see us while visiting in Williamsport. Mrs. Arney is the former Helen Troisi, 'ex 52, and Paul graduated in 1950. He is head of the Accounting Division of Block and Kuhl Co., a department store in Peoria, Ill., and also teaches night courses at Bradley University in the field of Merchandising Techniques. The Arney's have a 20 month old daughter named Cathy Helen. Their address is now Mt. Hawley Meadows, CMR #158, Peoria, Illinois.

## Vital Statistics

### STORK NEWS

It's a BOY for:

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick G. Dyer, 527 Selma St., Somerton, Phila. 16, Pennsylvania. Their son, Frederick Gurnsey Dyer, Jr., was born April 17th, 1955. Mrs. Dyer is the former Mary Lou M. VanHook, class of 1947, and Fred also is a member of the class of 1947.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Faust, of 1103 West Southern Avenue, South Williamsport, Pa. Their son was born May 6, 1955. Bob attended Lycoming in 1946.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul R. John, of 2895 Euclid Ave., Duboisstown, Pa., born May 13, 1955. Paul was graduated from Lyco in 1949, and his wife, the former Betty Kuhns, graduated in 1953.

Mr. and Mrs. James J. Sweeney, 17951 Keswick Street, Reseda, California, born January 31st, 1955. Mrs. Sweeney is the former Nancy Lou Waldner and graduated with the class of 1945.

It's a GIRL for:

Mr. and Mrs. Grant O. Hockman, of 1440 Memorial Ave., Williamsport, Pa. born May 10, 1955. Grant is a graduate of 1948.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Phelan III, of Joliet, Ill., born May 8, 1955. Mrs. Phelan is the former Vivian Vannucci, class of 1941.

### OBITUARIES

Mrs. Jesse E. Utt, the former Mary E. Black of the class of 1890, died at her home in Cumberland, Maryland, November 14, 1954. Both a sister and a daughter of the deceased attended Lycoming. Mrs. Vaughn T. Rue, the former Anna S. Black, was a graduate of Dickinson Seminary class of 1889, and the daughter, Eleanor Utt Thompson, was a member of the class of 1919, and also a student at the Peabody Conservatory of Music, Baltimore. Mrs. Utt was active in church work participating in the choir, the W. C. T. U. and the Women's Society of Christian Service.

Ida A. Shipley, wife of C. V. Conaway, class of 1885 of Dickinson Seminary, died May 4th, 1955, at her home in Woodbine, Maryland.







